

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of this response. Claims 5-8 and 10-19 are currently pending in connection with the present application. Of those, claims 15 and 16 are independent claims.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants again thank the Examiner for the indication of the allowable subject matter contained in claims 5-8, 10-12, 17, and 18. By way of this response, Applicants have amended claims 15 and 16 to include subject matter somewhat similar to that previously set forth in claim 6. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 15 and 16 are in condition for allowance.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 13-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Glick (U.S. Patent No. 6,507,563, hereinafter referred to as "Glick"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, especially in view of claims 15 and 16 as now amended.

As stated above, by way of this response Applicants have amended claims 15 and 16 to include subject matter somewhat similar to that

previously set forth in claim 6. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 15 and 16 are in condition for allowance.

With regard to claims 13 and 14, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on independent claim 16.

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

On pages 6 and 7 of the March 14, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner offers reasons why claims 5-8, 10-12, 17, and 18 of the present application would be allowable over the prior art of record if rewritten in independent form. Although Applicants agree that these various claimed limitations mentioned in claims 5-8, 10-12, 17, and 18 are not taught or suggested by the prior art taken either singly or in combination, Applicants wish to emphasize that it is the language of each claim, including the interrelationships and interconnections between various claimed elements which is allowable over the prior art of record, and not the Examiner's paraphrasing of claim features which may not be present in the allowed claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of above remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding rejection and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

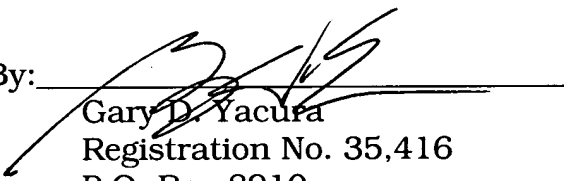
In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Andrew M. Waxman at (703) 668-8000 in the Northern Virginia area, to discuss the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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